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Re: Completeness Determination and Technical Review for the Closure Plan and Part A
Submitted for the 207-A South Retention Basins (207-A SRB) Dangerous Waste
Management Units

Reference: See page 2

Dear Ms. Charboneau and Mr. Ciucci:

This letter documents the Department of Ecology (Ecology) "completeness review" for the Part A form and closure plan submitted as part of the referenced permit modification request (References 1 and 2). A temporary authorization (TA) request and a State Environmental Policy Act checklist also accompanied the closure plan submittal.

Under Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-303-840, if the permit modification is found complete, a review for technical adequacy follows. The purpose of the completeness review is to ensure that all major components of the submittal have been addressed sufficiently to allow for a technical evaluation.

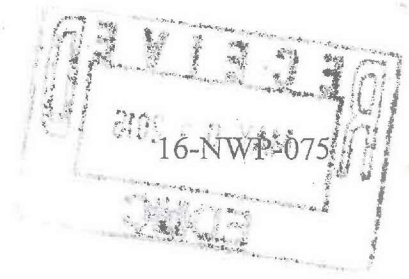
Ecology granted a TA for the 207-A SRB closure activities July 24, 2015. Ecology issued a one-time 180-day extension to the TA on January 21, 2016. The TA extension ends on July 22, 2016.

Ecology worked with the United States Department of Energy – Richland Operations Office and its contractors to resolve the 207-A SRB closure plan and Part A form deficiencies as part of Ecology's technical reviews. Deficiencies resolved focused on general closure requirements and surface impoundment specific closure requirements detailed in WAC 173-303-610 and WAC 173-303-650.

Ecology has completed both the completeness determination and technical review of the permit modification request to modify the Hanford Site permit to close the 207-A SRB (References 1 and 2).



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Ecology has determined that your certified permit modification application received on June 30, 2015, and the certified Part A form received on January 29, 2016, are complete in accordance with WAC 173-303-830(4)(c) and WAC 173-303-840(1)(b).

Now that the application has been determined to be complete and the technical review has been finalized, Ecology will proceed with our public comment period for the draft 207-A SRB Class 3 Permit Modification. Ecology's public comment period for the draft 207-A SRB Class 3 Permit Modification is scheduled for May 9, 2016, through June 24, 2016.

Before making any final permitting decisions, Ecology will consider comments received during our public comment period for the draft permit modification.

If there are any questions, please contact Nina M. Menard, Environmental Restoration Project Manager, at nina.menard@ecy.wa.gov or (509) 372-7941, or Debra Alexander, Permit Coordinator, at debra.alexander@ecy.wa.gov or (509) 372-7896.

Sincerely,

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Nuclear Waste Program

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Reference 1: Letter 15-AMRP-0228, dated June 25, 2015, from S. Charboneau, USDOE-RL to J. A. Hedges, Ecology, "Submittal of Permit Modification Request, Temporary Authorization Request, and Closure Plan for the 207-A South Retention Basin Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Unit"

Reference 2: Letter 16-ESQ-0029, dated January 28, 2016, from S. Charboneau, USDOE-RL to J. A. Hedges, Ecology, "Response to Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) Request for a Revised and Certified Dangerous Waste Permit Application Part A Form for the 207-A South Retention Basin"

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